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Correction

I would like to correct the letter regarding plutonium in space, printed in the July issue. According to Leon Panetta, NASA has calculated that an explosion might occur in one in every 78 shuttle launches, not once in every eight launches. In a maximum of 8% of the accidents in launches, NASA has estimated that some fraction or all of the plutonium would escape.

Sincerely,
T.L. Jones
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Bush & Panama

Thank you for your fine coverage of President Bush's unconstitutional Hitler-style war and destruction of Panama.

Since Congress can make war but was not notified, Bush has committed an impeachable crime and we'd like you to request impeachment.

Your staff is apparently unaware that the U.S.A. is not a democracy but an empire under Emperor Bush, who was elected by 27% (21% to Dukakis, 52% not voting = 73% against Bush).

Apparently, Mr. Bush is fully supported in the massacre of Panamanian babies and helpless civilians by Honorable Leon E. Panetta, Senator Alan Cranston, etc. I wish you could make this clear by quoting them.

The implications of the Panamanian mass murders by our Commander-in-Chief Bush include 100% press censorship, a 100% intimidated Congress, and similar massacres all over the world as well as within the U.S.A. — whenever Mr. Bush has another fit. Someone ought to express the concern that Mr. Bush is out of control. The Seventh Army, partly from our Fort Ord, has committed international crimes in which men and women members who massacred helpless civilians are back now from Panama and walking our streets with very bloody hands. This crime cannot be washed away. They are not robots, but humans, who can, and must, refuse any order to massacre, but did not. This is the most ominous area.

They will soon be recruited after discharge into our sheriffs', police departments, etc.,

assigned to future "stop Lockheed" demonstrations, etc. These innocuous citizen killers could run amok as in Kent State, People's Park, Cointelpro, etc. because Congress and the president have set the example, the media, except you, have concurred, and the justice system has utterly failed.

An ominous 27% dictatorship is already established in the U.S.A.

Rachael T. Peabody
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Stop Killing Animals

In 1989, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal Damage Control Program, a subsidy for the livestock and agriculture industries, killed over 133,000 mammals and over two million birds, and harassed and displaced untold numbers, costing taxpayers \$25.6 million.

The body count according to the USDA is: 86,626 coyotes; 11 armadillos; 43 otters; 9,166 skunks; 137 deer; 1,300 badgers; 9,703 beavers; 269 muskrats; 2,317 gophers; 3,675 raccoons; 502 prairie dogs; 7,815 ravens; 3,749 opossums; 1,220 bobcats; 49 minks; 7,151 foxes; 80 wolves; 1,858 porcupines; 331 squirrels; and over two million black-birds.

When a trapper sets a trap for a "desired" species and catches other species, they are considered trash animals. No doubt the same philosophy applies to all the above animals.

I read an article about a man, describing how he firebombed a coyote and her babies, burning them to death in their den; or hooking the pups, dragging them out, and bashing their brains out. I wonder where they get such men who bash in a baby coyote's brains.

To destroy so much aliveness, so much life, is to destroy the web of life.

To be aware, and not be in denial at this time, to see what our species is doing to this glorious planet makes me fluctuate between rage and despair.

I beg on bended knee and heart; respect all life and do something.

For starters, try writing to USDA, APHIS, ADC, OFF, Attn: Gary Larson, 6506 Billcrest Rd., Room 820, Federal Building, Hayatesville, MD 20782. Also write your Congresspeople and Senators — U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510; and your representative — House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515. Ask them to eliminate ADC.

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Department of Energy Admits High Radiation Emissions at Hanford

by Shelly D'Amour

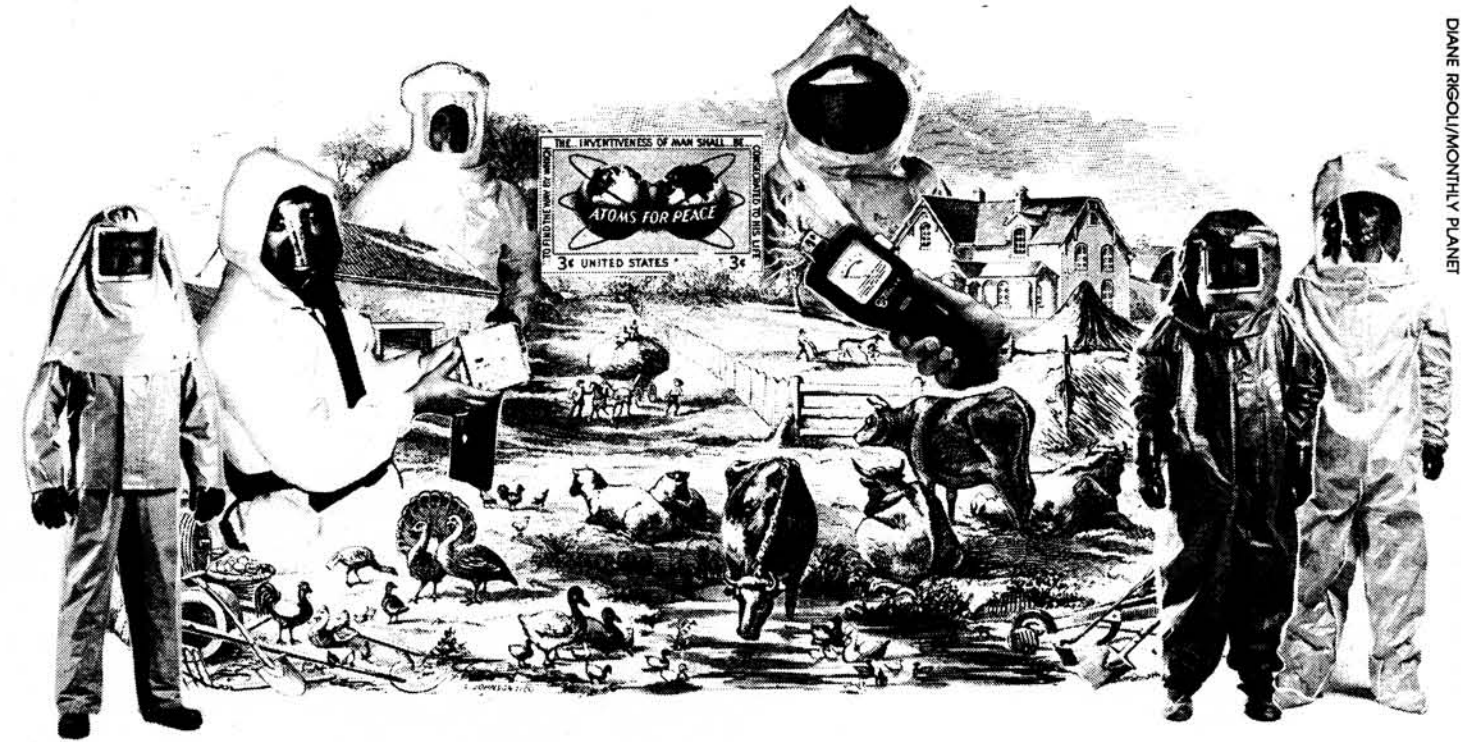
Atomic energy officials deliberately exposed thousands of Washington State residents to high doses of radiation in the mid-1940s, in sufficient quantities to cause cancer, states a Department of Energy report issued last month.

The revelation comes as no big surprise to those who live in the vicinity of the Hanford Nuclear Reservation. They have been struggling with high incidences of thyroid cancer and related illness for years. Since 1986 it has been known that the U.S. government essentially made guinea pigs out of much of the population of the Pacific Northwest by secretly releasing the radiation. However, with last month's report comes the first official acknowledgement that the emissions were high enough to kill people. It is expected that victims and their families will now use this information to seek compensation from the government.

The report is the culmination of a two-year study commissioned by the DOE to estimate the amount of radiation actually absorbed by citizens of the Washington, Oregon, and Idaho areas between 1944 and 1960 as a result of the emission leakage at Hanford. The 19,000 pages of documents indicate that the approximately 20,000 infants and children born during this period were at the highest risk of exposure, principally through contaminated milk, fruits, and vegetables. Radioactive iodine enters the body through these foods and can alter cells in the thyroid, later resulting in various thyroid diseases, including cancer.

Although the study covers a 15-year period, it focuses primarily on the years 1944-1947, when the peak emissions occurred. It is estimated that as many as 13,500 residents of the immediate area around Hanford received as much as 33 rads per person during that three-year period. For those living in nearby Franklin County during that period, the median dose was put at 70 rads. A rad is equal to the amount of radiation absorbed from a dozen chest X-rays. The average person absorbs about a rad of radiation per year. The federal government limits workers in nuclear facilities to a maximum exposure of 5 rads per year. Energy Secretary James Watkins suggested that some individuals in the Hanford study may have received as much as 3000 rads to their thyroids. By comparison, studies conducted in the U.S.S.R. after the Chernobyl disaster show that Soviet citizens received less radiation than the DOE now says was absorbed by residents near Hanford.

These latest revelations concerning the Hanford plant come at a time when the entire nuclear industry is under intense scrutiny, stemming from the accumulating body of evidence on the widespread incompetence and corruption in the management of the nation's power plants and weapons facilities. Hanford, which produces plutonium fuel for nuclear weapons, has a long and sordid history in this regard. For example, in the 1970s it was revealed that millions of curies of radiation had been dumped into



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the Columbia River during the years 1964-1966. Approximately 70,000 people consumed contaminated fish from the Columbia River during that period. The current DOE study addresses potential exposure to radiation as a result of that contamination and concludes that most persons who were exposed received a maximum of 0.05 rads. In a separate incident, the Atomic Energy commission announced in 1972 that underground tanks at Hanford containing radioactive waste material were leaking, and that 115,000 gallons of waste had leaked out of one tank alone.

Tom Bailie is a 43-year-old farmer who grew up east of the Hanford reservation during the years of peak radiation emissions. His brother had been stillborn the year before his own birth, and Tom spent the first 18 years of his life struggling with severe health problems which included underdeveloped lungs, partial paralysis and sterility. In a July 22nd *New York Times* Op-ed piece, Bailie speaks eloquently of his experience:

"During my childhood I remember seeing men dressed in space suits walking in front of uniformed soldiers carrying shovels and sacks. They waved to us as they moved past...What we didn't know at the time was that these were nuclear clean-up crews. What we also didn't know was that other kids didn't get "neck massages" from the school nurse (looking for thyroid swelling) or have Geiger counters passed over them...We thought everyone had...deformed calves, sheep and kittens...These were the usual things for us in our isolated world...The usual was watching the other kids die at St. Mary's pediatric ward..."

The advent of nuclear power created a huge industry in the United States in the years following the Second World War, and atomic boom towns grew up around the new plants. Hanford presents a classic example. Everything in the Richland, Washington

area revolves around the plant. Even the local high school sports the nuclear mushroom cloud as its school emblem. The new industry offered jobs and economic security to tens of thousands of workers. In return, the industry asked one thing of workers and their families: "Trust us." There was absolutely no danger or health risk involved, they stated, even as they were secretly testing milk samples on a weekly basis.

In commissioning this latest study, and in publishing previously unreleased information, Energy Secretary Watkins is making a play to win back public confidence in government's role in the nuclear industry. He had to be pushed a little, however. The revelations concerning the radioactive emissions, which eventually led to the recent DOE study, originally came to light as the result of a request filed under the Freedom of Information Act by a group called the Hanford Education Action League. To his credit, Mr. Watkins appears to be making an effort to give the public information on health and safety factors affected by the

condition and management of U.S. power plants and weapons facilities. His goal, he states, is to make the industry accountable. "Trust me," is his message. However, many in Congress are skeptical that an industry which spent decades concealing information from citizens can be trusted to be in charge of the collection and dissemination of data which might be unfavorable to the very same industry. Legislation has been introduced in the House and Senate which would transfer the responsibility for these investigations to the Department of Health and Human Services.

For an entire generation which grew up in the literal shadow of the nuclear industry, all this may seem like too little, too late. Tom Bailie, who lost friends and family members to thyroid cancer, reflects: "Without our consent, without our knowledge, this was done to us. We want to know why they placed children like me on the front lines of the Cold War."

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by Brian Costner

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Coincidentally, these momentous political changes come when the U.S. is being forced to take a hard look at the infrastructure for building and maintaining its nuclear arsenal. The Cold War placed a veil of secrecy around the nuclear weapons production complex, which for nearly five decades has been exempt from environmental laws in the name of "national security."

During the 1980s, citizen groups, the media, and some members of Congress uncovered a long history of mismanagement and neglect: contamination of the food and water supplies for families around the Fernald, Ohio uranium plant, the Oak Ridge complex in Tennessee, and downwind of the Hanford Reservation in Washington state; serious safety lapses at the Savannah River Plant in South Carolina and Rocky Flats in Colorado; and severe environmental contamination at over 4000 waste sites across the country.

Efforts to bring past practices in line with current safety and environmental standards have proven to be more difficult than many had ever imagined. As a result, during the past two years production of new nuclear weapons materials has come to a halt.

So we are faced today with a new political landscape, one without an enemy to justify an arsenal of thousands of nuclear warheads. At the same time, we are discovering the effects of the arms race on our en-

vironment and public health.

Yet the Department of Energy (DOE), which is responsible for producing nuclear warheads for the Department of Defense, is pushing ahead with plans to modernize and restart the complex. The DOE wants to ensure the capacity to maintain a 23,000 warhead nuclear arsenal well into the 21st century.

These plans propose significant changes in the complex. Some facilities will undergo major renovations, while others will receive

a new mission or be permanently closed. A new generation of production facilities is scheduled to be built. New transportation routes for hazardous and radioactive materials will have to be established.

All the while, the DOE will have to implement a plan to handle nearly 50 years' accumulation of environmental contamination and an inconceivable volume of waste. Total costs will run into the hundreds of billions of dollars, and several decades will go by before many existing problems can

be resolved.

The 20-year-old National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the federal government to involve the public in an evaluation of the environmental consequences of significant federal actions and in assessing alternatives to the government's proposed actions. These evaluations are called Environmental Impact Statements (EIS). A Programmatic EIS (PEIS) refers to such an evaluation done on a broad set of proposed actions.

The DOE has agreed to prepare two overlapping PEIS's on its proposed changes in the nuclear weapons production complex. One will discuss long-term plans for dealing with environmental contamination, and the second will consider the department's plans for modernizing the complex.

Past experience with EIS's on specific facilities — such as the ongoing EIS on proposed new production reactors and the EIS on operation of existing reactors at Savannah River — has proven their value in spurring the release of information on past practices and existing conditions. The NEPA process has helped focus public attention on problems which have long needed to be addressed, and has paved the way for bringing about important changes.

The PEIS's will be the first opportunity the public has had to formally comment on the broad range of issues affecting the entire nuclear weapons complex. They will allow people to demand actions to heal the scars left by the arms race on communities across the country.

The PEIS's will provide two opportunities for public comment. No special expertise or knowledge is required to participate. The process begins with scoping. During the scoping period, interested persons and



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agencies can voice their concerns in public hearings or submit written comments to help define the range of issues the DOE should consider.

Next, the DOE will prepare a draft version of the PEIS. Once completed, the draft will be made available to the public and a second round of hearings will be held. These hearings will focus on how well the draft addresses issues raised during the scoping period. The DOE will then prepare a final PEIS.

It should be noted that the results of the PEIS are not binding on the department. In fact, the DOE regularly refuses to discuss the need for nuclear weapons or nuclear weapons materials in their EIS's. It frequently uses the fact that information on the nuclear arsenal is classified to make it impossible to fairly weigh the costs of their actions against the purported benefits. But while the PEIS is underway, the DOE is precluded, at least in theory, from taking actions which would narrow the range of alternatives under consideration.

The DOE may begin scoping hearings on the first PEIS late this summer or early fall. This PEIS will address broad environmental questions at active weapons sites, as well as at sites used during the Manhattan Project which are now closed. The foundation of the PEIS will apparently be the DOE's Environmental Restoration and Waste Management Five-Year Plan (FYP).

The FYP was initiated by Energy Secretary Watkins last summer as part of his plan

to put the environment on an equal footing with production. But the FYP has consistently drawn criticism for giving waste management projects tied to future production top priority.

In the PEIS, questions of contamination at specific sites as well as broader issues of the relationship between resumed production and cleanup of existing waste can be raised.

Scoping hearings for the second PEIS are unlikely to begin anytime this year. The DOE is preparing a modernization report which will outline the changes it wants to make in production capacity over the next 20 years. This report was originally due out in April, but its release has been postponed until early 1991.

The modernization report will provide a picture of what the U.S.'s ability to produce nuclear weapons will look like over the next half century. Thus the PEIS will become a discussion of the need for nuclear weapons and the consequences of their production on future generations.

Local and national groups with a broad range of interests, including peace and disarmament, the environment, and good government, have begun planning and organizing for the PEIS's. Participation in each PEIS will send a clear message that the public doesn't want decisions about the future of the nuclear weapons production complex made behind closed doors.

For more information on the PEIS's contact: Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Project Assistance, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, Washington, DC 20585, and the Military Production Network, c/o Nuclear Safety Campaign, 1914 N. 34th Street, #407, Seattle, WA 98103; (206) 547-3175.

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Restart at Rocky Flats

The Rocky Flats weapons plant, in the Denver area, is currently shut down due to safety and management problems. The Department of Energy (DOE) would like to reopen the facility as soon as possible. The restart of production at the plant, which makes plutonium triggers for hydrogen bombs, has serious global implications. Yet, the DOE's current view hardly reflects the vast changes taking place in the world.

The DOE is justifying the rush to reopen Rocky Flats by invoking the need to arm the Trident II missile and other weapon systems. Testifying before Congress, DOE Secretary James Watkins said that keeping the plant closed past this spring could have "severe ramifications" for Trident. But, according to the *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists*, the Trident II (if deployed in quantity) need not go without warheads. The Navy all along has planned to reuse older Trident I warheads on half the new missiles. The *Bulletin* says that there are enough warheads "in the arsenal to fulfill the expected requirements" for Trident under the START Treaty.

EG&G, operator of the plant since Rockwell's withdrawal at the end of last year, announced at a recent briefing that two of Rocky Flats' buildings (559 and 707) could go on line as early as this summer. This assertion came two months after revelations that there are 62 pounds of plutonium lodged in the ducts of these and other buildings.

Victor Stello, who is overseeing the restart of both Rocky Flats and the Savannah River, South Carolina plant, volunteered to reporters that restart and plutonium in the ducts were separate issues. There would be no removal of the hazard before firing up the plant again. Stello got his job after withdrawing his nomination as assistant secretary of energy for defense programs in the face of strong Senate opposition.

The DOE is also proposing the construction of the Plutonium Recovery Modification Project (PRMP) to replace building 371 (built in 1982 for \$215 million and abandoned soon after when operating problems resulted in serious contamination). The projected costs for the PRMP have risen to over half a billion dollars (up from \$371 million only a year ago). The PRMP is to open in 1997 and operate for 20 years, contradicting previous statements about phasing out Rocky Flats in 1995.

Opposition to restart remains strong in nearby communities. Recently two city councils downwind of the plant have passed resolutions calling for continued plant shutdown.

The Rocky Flats Civil Resistance is working on a blockade of the plant to begin August 6. The Rocky Mountain Peace Center in Boulder is organizing individuals and affinity groups to take part in concerted actions timed for the actual restart, and is encouraging solidarity actions in other communities.

For more information, contact: Rocky Mountain Peace Center, P.O. Box 1158, Boulder, CO 80306; Rocky Flats Civil Disobedience, 1035 Walnut #201, Boulder, CO 80302. This article is from the Mobilizer.

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Congress Considers Terminating Stealth; Bush Wants 75 Bombers

by Shelly D'Amour

The fate of the B-2 Stealth bomber hangs in the balance as Congress considers military spending priorities for the coming year.

The controversial bomber won qualified support last year in its initial request for funding. At that time, the bat-like plane was projected to cost \$530 million each. In less than a year's time, that cost has jumped to \$840 million a copy. The Bush Administration would like to have 75 Stealth bombers. However, with the Cold War essentially over and military spending on the decline, Congress has indicated it may fund only 15 Stealth bombers and then terminate the program.

In an extraordinary press conference on July 23rd, House Armed Services Committee chair Les Aspin (D-WI) announced that he would oppose any attempts to fund the administration's request for additional B-2 bombers. The reasons, he stated, were that the Air Force had failed to define a "necessary and unique mission" for the bomber, and that cost estimates were unreliable. In the week prior to the press conference, Air

Force Secretary Donald B. Rice told the House Armed Services Committee that the Air Force would need another \$1.4 billion to pay for the 15 planes already in the pipeline. With costs looming near the \$1 billion mark per plane, many House members are simply unwilling to commit more money to the program. "They offered to fly me out to see the (B-2)," quipped Rep. John Kasich (R-OH), "but I told them that I would arrange it so they could fly in to see the Treasury building where they will have to print all the money to pay for it." Rep. Kasich will join Rep. Ron Dellums (D-CA) to call for a complete termination of the B-2 program.

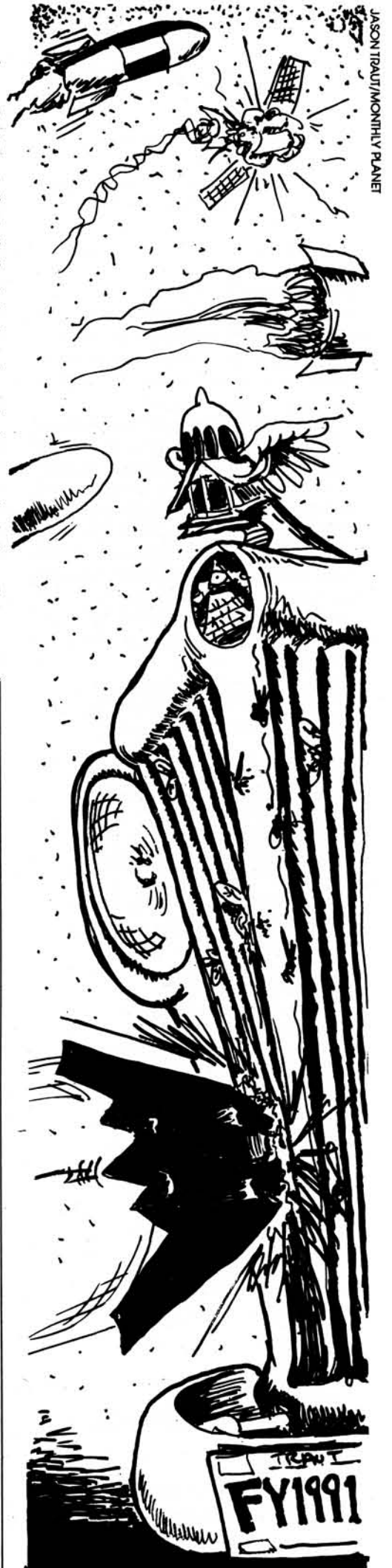
The system is not without its congressional supporters however, particularly in the Senate. Senate Armed Services Committee chair Sam Nunn (D-GA) remains a strong supporter of the Stealth, but acknowledges that without Aspin's support, funding for the plane will be "an uphill battle." Nevertheless, Nunn's committee approved most of President Bush's \$5.1 billion request for next year, which includes \$1.9

billion for an additional two planes over and above the 15 already committed.

When the issue of Stealth funding comes to the Senate floor sometime after July 31st, it will face formidable opposition. Senators Patrick Leahy (R-VT) and Alan Cranston (D-CA) will offer an amendment to delete funds for any further procurement of Stealth bombers. It is unclear at this point how the votes will line up around this issue. The House has its own Stealth Bomber Caucus, consisting of 50 members who support the B-2. However, without the support of the Armed Services chair, they are unlikely to win any significant concessions from their colleagues in the House.

In an attempt to gain public support for the B-2, a group called the B-2 Bomber Pilots Association is airing 30-second TV spots in 20 cities around the country. Former test pilot Chuck Yeager narrates the ad, which focuses on the plane's advanced technology, especially its ability to evade radar.

The debate over the Stealth is only one piece of a much broader discussion going



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on in Congress over the size, composition and role of the U.S. military in the '90s. Unfortunately, that discussion has been largely focused on the budgetary savings to be gained by the end of the Cold War, at the expense of developing solid strategies for stopping and reversing the arms race. President Bush is requesting \$307 billion in military funding for fiscal year 1991. The current budget is \$305 billion. The Senate Armed Services Committee will recommend a figure of \$297 billion — hardly a massive cut in military spending. The House will probably recommend about \$6 billion less than that.

To its credit, the Senate committee has scaled back its financial commitment to the Star Wars program, eliminated chemical weapons production monies and MX procurement funds, and has moved to increase funding for cleanup of the nation's nuclear waste. However, the committee has also approved full funding for the Trident II, and increased funding for the anti-satellite (ASAT) program. No major nuclear weapons programs are slated for elimination. Furthermore, the Senate has failed to include any economic conversion legislation in this year's defense budget.

The Armed Services Committee recommendations are contained in the fiscal year 1991 Defense Authorizations Bill. The authorizations process sets the spending ceilings on specific line items contained within the budget. The full Senate will consider the FY91 defense bill when it comes to the floor on July 31st. The House is still marking up its version of the bill in subcommittees, and should be ready to bring it to the floor by early September.

Arms control advocates in the Senate plan to present amendments to the defense

bill which, if passed, would provide a stronger, more coherent arms control focus to the bill than it presently has. Here is an overview of key items contained in the Senate defense bill:

Stealth (B-2) Bomber

The Armed Services Committee has approved almost all of President Bush's \$5.1 billion request. Senators Leahy and Cranston will propose an amendment to eliminate all procurement funds for the B-2.

Star Wars

The committee voted to trim a billion dollars off the administration's \$4.7 billion request. Last year's budget was \$4 billion for Star Wars. Senators Johnston (D-LA) and Bumpers (D-AR) will offer an amendment to further limit Star Wars funding to \$3 billion. Senators Kerry (D-MA) and Harkin (D-IA) may offer an amendment to transfer SDI funds to the war on drugs. Senators Bingaman (D-NM) and Shelby (D-AL) may offer an amendment to reduce funding for space-based, "phase 1" deployment systems that most directly affect the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty. Additionally, Senators Bingaman and Shelby plan to propose cutting funds for the so-called "brilliant pebbles" program in half. Initiatives such as the Bingaman/Shelby bills are particularly important because they address technologies that might lead to early deployment of the Star Wars system.

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Excellent news here. The Senate Armed Services Committee is recommending deletion of \$1.5 million in procurement and military construction funds, while retaining \$548 million for research and development. It appears that the House is ready to go along with that proposal as well.

Anti-Satellite (ASAT) Weapons

The Bush request this year is \$208 million. Senators Kerry, Bumpers and Simon (D-IL) will propose a freeze on ASAT spending at the current level of \$74 million.

Plutonium Production

The senate committee recommended deleting the entire \$65 million request for a plutonium recycling facility at Rocky Flats, Colorado. A similar attempt was rejected in a House subcommittee, but will be revived again next month. On a related topic, Senator Kennedy (D-MA) may offer an amendment calling for U.S./U.S.S.R. negotiations toward a bilateral ban on the production of plutonium and highly enriched uranium.

Nuclear Testing

There are no plans at this time to introduce testing legislation in the Senate, however this would be an excellent year to do so. In the House, 14 members recently sent a letter to Armed Services chair Les Aspin urging a 20-percent cut in this year's testing budget, with most of the savings going toward cleanup of Department of Energy nuclear weapons facilities.

El Salvador

The House passed its fiscal year 1991 Foreign Aid Appropriations bill, placing severe restrictions on military aid to El Salvador. The House called for a 50-percent cut (that is, \$45 million) in military aid un-

less certain conditions are met. Those conditions include significant progress in a negotiated settlement to the 10-year civil war, and successful prosecution of those responsible for the murders of six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper and her daughter last November. A similar bill is in the Senate Foreign Operations subcommittee. In addition, Senator Kerry has proposed a bill (S.2083) that would end all forms of aid to El Salvador except for purely humanitarian assistance unless a number of fundamental changes are made in El Salvador's security forces and human rights situation. Senator Christopher Dodd (D-CT) has proposed a less restrictive bill (S.2025) which would make continued military aid contingent on on-going, peaceful negotiations between the government of El Salvador and guerilla rebels.

The range of possibilities being proposed in the Senate seem to indicate that the will is there to forge some kind of consensus on aid to El Salvador. If the Senate does pass some form of this legislation, it will mark the first time since 1980 that the U.S. has withheld military aid to El Salvador.

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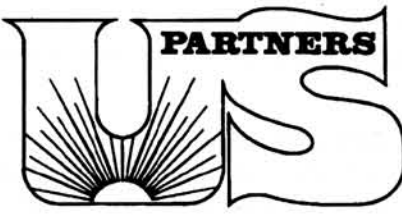
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The Top Under-Reported Stories of 1989

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from PeaceNet's "gen.newsletter" conference

The growing threat of a handful of monopolistic global media lords to the international marketplace of ideas was named the top under-reported issue of 1989 by a national panel of media experts. Ben Bagdikian, professor at the graduate school of journalism at the University of California, Berkeley, warned that mammoth private organizations, driven by the profit motive, already dominate the world's mass media and threaten the freedom of information which is the basis for all liberty.

Now in its 14th year, Project Censored, a national media research effort conducted annually at Sonoma State University, locates stories about significant issues which are not widely publicized by the national news media.

The second most under-covered story of the year cited by Project Censored described how international sludge dealers are turning Africa into the world's toxic waste dump; the third-ranked story revealed how U.S. officials are supporting "one of the most brutal holocausts since World War II" in Mozambique.

Here are the top ten under-reported news stories of 1989, as announced by project



director Carl Jensen, professor of Communication Studies at Sonoma State University:

1. Global Media Lords Threaten Freedom of Information. Five major media corporations already dominate the fight for hundreds of millions of minds throughout the world and they concede that before the turn of the century they may control most of the world's important newspapers, magazines, books, broadcast stations, movies, recordings and video cassettes.

2. Turning Africa Into the World's Garbage Can. Africa, already suffering from poverty, drought, famine, locusts, "contra" wars, and the AIDS epidemic, appears destined to become the world's toxic waste dump as international sludge dealers try to dump U.S. and European waste onto at least 15 African countries.

3. The Holocaust in Mozambique. A U.S. State Department official has called the attacks by the Mozambique National Resistance (RENAMO) "one of the most brutal holocausts against ordinary human

beings since World War II." More than one million, mostly innocent men, women, and children, have already died. RENAMO is reported to be funded by South African sources and conservative, right-wing groups in the United States and Europe.

4. America's Deceitful War on Drugs. The government's war on drugs is more hype than reality. One of the nation's top narcotics prosecutors quit in frustration last year after State Department officials interfered in his investigations of top people in the cocaine business. A Senate subcommittee revealed that foreign policy interests sidetracked, disrupted, and undercut the "war on drugs."

5. Guatemalan Blood on U.S. Hands. The Bush Administration strengthened ties with the oppressive Guatemalan military last year at the same time that human rights violations by the military rose sharply. One unpublicized violation occurred last year when a U.S. citizen, Sister Diana Ortiz, working as a teacher in Guatemala, was kidnapped, beaten, tortured, and sexually molested by three men, one of whom was a

uniformed Guatemalan police officer. The U.S. Department of State didn't register a protest.

6. Radioactive Waste in the Neighborhood Landfill. Radioactive waste may be joining old tires, banana peels, and other regular garbage at the local landfill if the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Environmental Protection Agency and the nuclear industry implement their little-known plan to deregulate radioactive waste to "Below Regulatory Concern."

7. Oliver North & Co. Banned from Costa Rica. In 1989, Oliver North, former National Security Advisor John Poindexter, former U.S. Ambassador to Costa Rica Lewis Tambs, Major General Richard Secord, and former CIA station chief in Costa Rica Joseph Fernandez were barred by President Oscar Arias from ever setting foot in Costa Rica again. A Costa Rican congressional commission concluded that the Contra re-supply network in Costa Rica, which North coordinated from the White House, doubled as a drug-smuggling operation.

8. Wall Street Journal Censors Story of CBS Bias. The Wall Street Journal censored a major story by one of its top reporters, Mary Williams Walsh, which exposed how one of the nation's most respected TV news departments, CBS News, broadcast biased news coverage of the Afghanistan war to the American people.

9. PCBs and Toxic Waste in Your Gasoline. The U.S. General Accounting Office, the EPA, and the FBI are investigating sophisticated "waste laundering" schemes in which hazardous toxic wastes and solvents, including PCBs, are mixed with gasoline and diesel and industrial fuel and sold to consumers.

10. The Chicken Industry and the National Salmonella Epidemic. The chicken industry's drive for profits, aided by relaxed inspection practices by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, has led to a national epidemic of 2.5 million cases of salmonella

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Jensen, who created Project Censored in 1976, said: "The impact of global media lords on the free flow of information is seen in the number of critical issues which are under-covered or 'censored' by the mass media each year. The media's penchant for self-censorship and desire to avoid sensitive issues, coupled with the Bush Administration which is even more secretive than the Reagan era, deprives the public of information about issues it should know about."

Following are the investigative journalists and media cited by Project Censored for exposing the top ten issues overlooked or under-reported by the national news media in 1989:

1. Global Media Lords. *The Nation*, 6/12/89, "Lords of the Global Village," by Ben Bagdikian.

2. Turning Africa Into the World's Garbage Can. *In These Times*, 11/8/89, "Western Developmental Overdose Makes Africa Chemically Dependent," by Diana Johnstone.

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10. The Chicken Industry and the National Salmonella Epidemic. *Southern Exposure*, Summer 1989, "Chicken Empires," by Bob Hall, and "The Fox Guarding the Hen House," by Tom Devine.

Criteria Used to Select the Top Stories

These are the criteria used by the researchers to select the top 25 stories from the hundreds nominated each year. A national panel of judges, including some of the nation's leading media scholars and journalists, then select the "ten best censored" stories from among the 25 nominated stories.

1. The story must concern a subject that should be known by a majority of the people but has not received sufficient coverage and exposure by the major news media. While the story might not be "censored" in the traditional sense of the word, it may have been overlooked, ignored, or under-reported by the news media.

2. The amount of coverage the story received must be minimal (determined in part through the *New York Times Index*, the *Los Angeles Times Index*, the *Magazine Index*, the *Newspaper Index*, the *Reader's Guide to Periodicals*, etc.).

3. The potential effects of the story must be of major significance, affecting a large number of people.

4. The story should present a clear, easily understandable concept backed by solid documentation and reliable sources.

5. The scope of the story should be national or international in terms of its impact.

6. The story should be timely, contemporary, and on-going, rather than historic.

7. The exposure of the story through Project Censored should help persuade serious journalists to further explore and publicize the subject of the story and should encourage the general public to seek out more information about the topic.



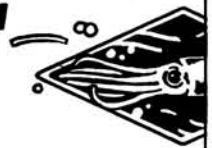
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CIA Links to the Savings & Loan Scandal

by Joseph A. Palermo

The federal government is now just beginning to sift through the wreckage of what appears to be the largest crime in American history. The Office of Thrift Supervision, which oversees the nation's savings and loans, is barely able to record the collapse of over 1,300 financial institutions, let alone do anything to arrest it. Congress has done little to spotlight the full scope of the savings and loan fraud, even though it has estimated the cost to taxpayers will be \$500 billion over the next 40 years. In other words, it will cost every American man, woman, and child at least \$2,000 to pay for what *Time* magazine called "a decade-long orgy" of wild spending and speculation resulting in the establishment of government guarantees that "privatized profits and socialized losses."

The Justice Department estimates that massive fraud caused the failure of 450 savings and loans seized so far by the federal government. It also estimates that it will take over five years to prosecute the 100 institutions on its priority list. Most of the money lost in S&L failures has yet to be traced to its ultimate destination. Worthless loans, kickbacks, false appraisals, and insider fraud have accounted for much of the misspent funds. Federal and congressional investigators who have the subpoena power to trace the money have shown little interest in doing so. Federal regulatory agencies have suffered enormous cutbacks in recent years as part of the Reagan-Bush legacy of deregulation, and are hopelessly understaffed and underfunded to take on a financial crisis of this magnitude. Most of the billions of dollars "lost" have been so expertly laundered or tied to assets through shell companies and off-shore banks that the Justice Department predicts that hundreds of cases will go unprosecuted. Criminal activity was the primary cause in the collapse of two of every five S&Ls that failed.

A significant number of insolvent thrifts which could cost taxpayers as much as \$75 billion have been linked to the activities of

organized crime figures and CIA operatives. In a series of articles published in the *Houston Post* earlier this year, investigative reporter Pete Brewton unearthed numerous ties with the CIA, the Mafia, or both in the failure of at least 25 savings and loans, including 16 in Texas. Some of the players have also been involved in gun-running, drug-smuggling, money laundering, and covert aid to the Nicaraguan Contras. Fraud was the key factor in the failure of each of these S&Ls.

Richard Brenneke, a CIA contract agent for eighteen years and a Portland, Oregon arms dealer, testified during a federal court trial in Denver in 1988 that the CIA effort to raise money for covert operations involves a number of schemes to siphon funds from financial institutions "at the expense of an insurance company," meaning the federal deposit insurance program. After the trial, Brenneke told the *Houston Post* that banking and S&L officials involved in such schemes were required to sign "secrecy agreements" with the CIA.

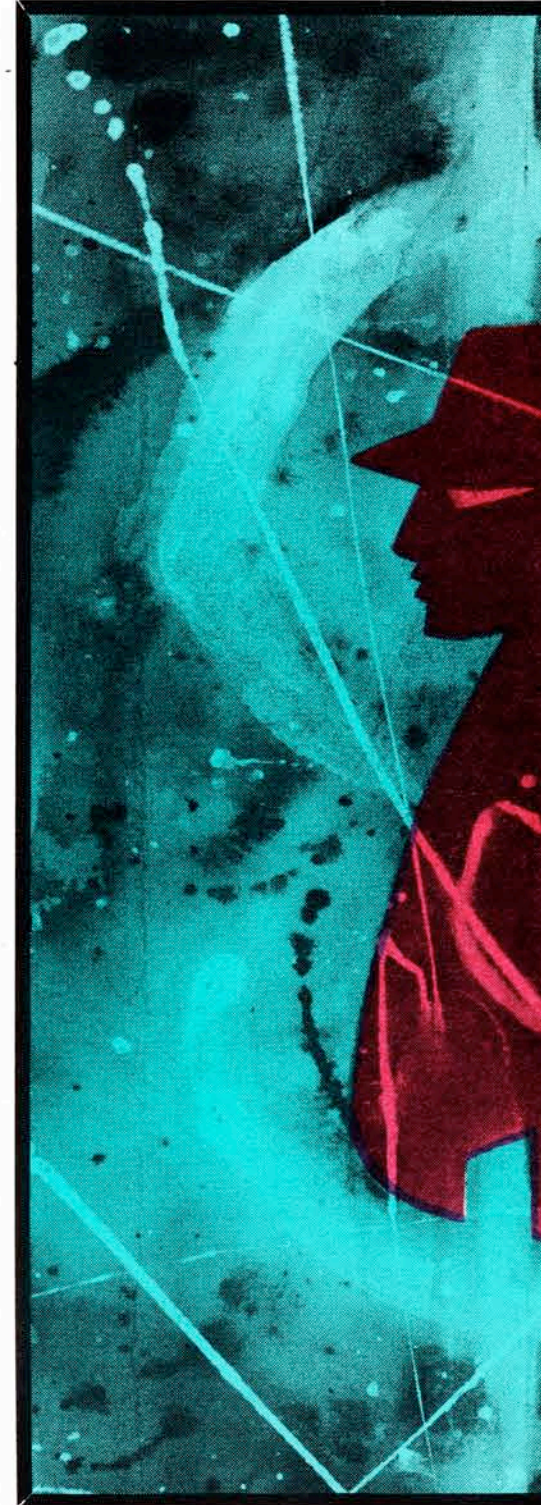
Evidence obtained from court documents, sworn testimony, law enforcement records and interviews with government investigators and prosecutors suggests that the CIA may have used part of the proceeds from S&L fraud to help pay for covert operations and other activities that Congress was unwilling to support. Brewton, following an 18-month investigation, also found evidence that the CIA may have intervened in criminal investigations involving agency operatives accused of S&L fraud.

Lloyd Monroe, a former prosecutor with the Justice Department's organized crime strike force, said federal agencies responsible for investigating S&L fraud are "being precluded from investigating wrongdoing that is possibly being conducted in the name of national security." The former prosecutor said he was told by FBI agents to drop an investigation of one individual connected to bank failure because that individual had "CIA connections" and therefore held a "get-out-of-jail-free card." A former FBI agent has corroborated the prosecutor's statements.

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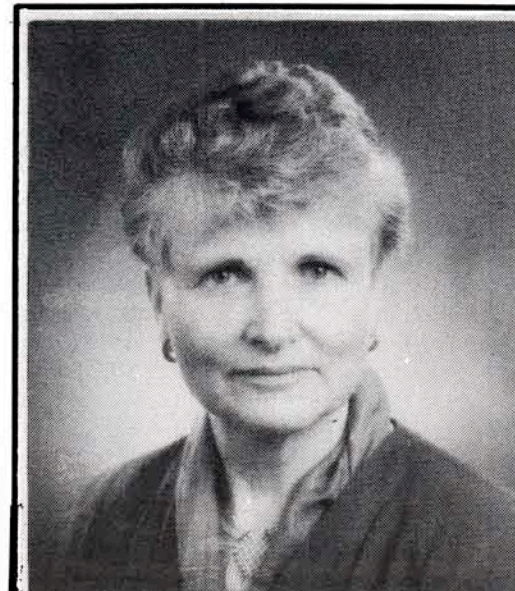
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of the land transaction that played a role in the failure of two thrifts. Some of the money from this deal may have been diverted for use in CIA-sponsored covert operations. Officers of these companies were also reportedly used by Freeman to launder drug smuggling proceeds.

But Freeman's biggest money laundering client, according to Florida Department of Law Enforcement records, was an organized crime figure called "the Cobra" by Freeman and his associates. Law enforcement sources in Florida and Texas have identified "the Cobra" as Mafia boss Santo Trafficante of Tampa, who died in 1987. Trafficante's involvement in the CIA's attempt to assassinate Fidel Castro in the early 1960s is well documented. During this period he was also involved with Helliwell in CIA-sponsored anti-Castro activities.

A close associate of Trafficante who also participated in CIA anti-Castro plots was New Orleans Mafia boss Carlos Marcello. Marcello has extensive business ties with fellow Louisiana organized crime figure Herman Beebe. Beebe pleaded guilty to fraud in connection with a loan at State Savings in Dallas and has twice been successfully prosecuted. He was involved in a scheme in the early 1970s to smuggle guns and explosives to anti-Castro Cubans operating in Mexico. Beebe also had business dealings with Edward "Fast Eddie" Susalla, whose son Scott pleaded guilty to possession of cocaine in 1985 in one of the largest drug busts in southern California history.

It was Herman Beebe who provided the seed capital for the creation of Palmer National Bank in Washington, D.C., which was controlled by two officials of the George Bush 1980 presidential campaign, Stefan Halper and Harvey McLean. Halper was policy director for Bush's 1980 campaign, while McLean was southern finance chairman and a Bush fundraiser. McLean became a major player in a number of failed savings and loans in Texas where fraud was a factor and has been placed in involuntary bankruptcy. McLean owned Paris Savings and Loan in Paris, Texas, which failed in 1988 and was merged with 11 other insol-

vent Texas S&Ls at a total cost to the federal government of \$1.3 billion. *The New York Times* and the *Washington Post* reported that Palmer National Bank actively arranged loans for wealthy, right-wing Republicans and their pet projects. Halper and McLean first met while they were working on the Bush 1988 presidential campaign. Palmer National loaned money to individuals and organizations that were involved in covert aid to the Nicaraguan Contras.

In February 1985 the National Endowment for the Preservation of Liberty (NEPL), a conservative foundation run by Iran-Contra figure Carl "Spitz" Channell, secured \$650,000 from Palmer National to illegally purchase weapons for the Nicaraguan Contras. Channell was one of the few private citizens convicted of crimes in the Iran-Contra scandal. He was the first to plead guilty to illegal activities in the scandal, and was placed on two years' probation for illegally using NEPL to help Oliver North raise donations for military supplies for the Contras. Channell recently died of pneumonia while recovering from a car accident.

The money went through NEPL's account at Palmer National to a Swiss bank account used by North for Contra funding and the secret arms deals with Iran. NEPL raised about \$10 million for the Contras after Congress had banned such military aid. While Stefan Halper was helping NEPL secure loans at Palmer National to buy guns for the Contras, his father-in-law Ray Cline, a former deputy director of intelligence in the CIA, was an adviser to a firm associated with retired Major General John Singlaub, one of the principal leaders of private efforts to supply the Contras.

In addition, the National Conservative Political Action Committee (NCPAC) borrowed more than \$400,000 from Palmer National, as did political action committees for Senator Bob Dole (R-KS.) and then-Rep. Jack Kemp (R-NY). Palmer National co-founder Halper also helped set up Oliver North's legal defense fund. Halper's

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name appears in North's final entry in his White House notebook the day he was fired by the president on November 25, 1986, under the heading "Legal Defense Fund." "Ollie is a friend of mine and at the time I thought we might be able to help him," Halper later recalled. Finally, Palmer National, although still solvent, held a \$250,000 note on a California beach house that was used by organized crime associates and figured in the criminal convictions of two savings and loan figures.

Halper's connections to the intelligence community were primarily through his former father-in-law Cline, a career CIA officer. Cline became a top foreign policy and defense adviser to George Bush during the 1980 campaign. According to an article

which appeared in the *Village Voice* in 1988, when Bush was seeking the Republican presidential nomination, Cline boasted during the 1980 primaries that he intended to "organize something like one of my old CIA staffs" to help Bush win. *The New York Times* reported that Bush, who was CIA director from January 1976 to January 1977, received offers of campaign assistance from many former CIA officials. The *Village Voice* reported that even active CIA agents may have worked for the Bush campaign.

Some key operatives who were linked to the CIA and played significant roles in failed thrifts in Texas also worked for George Bush's presidential campaign. For example, Halper, in addition to being a co-founder of Palmer National Bank and policy director for the Bush campaign, was

allegedly part of the Reagan-Bush election team that participated in the October 1980 Paris negotiations with representatives of Iran that has come to be known as the "October Surprise."

Halper worked with long-time CIA official Robert Gambino in an intelligence operation guided by Reagan-Bush campaign director William Casey (who went on to become CIA director). According to former CIA agent Richard Brenneke and several independent researchers, there was a secret effort by the Reagan-Bush campaign to make contacts with Iranian government officials to offer arms and other concessions if Iran agreed to hold the American hostages until after Jimmy Carter's defeat in the November 1980 election, thus avoiding an "October Surprise" release of the hostages. William Casey, Richard Allen

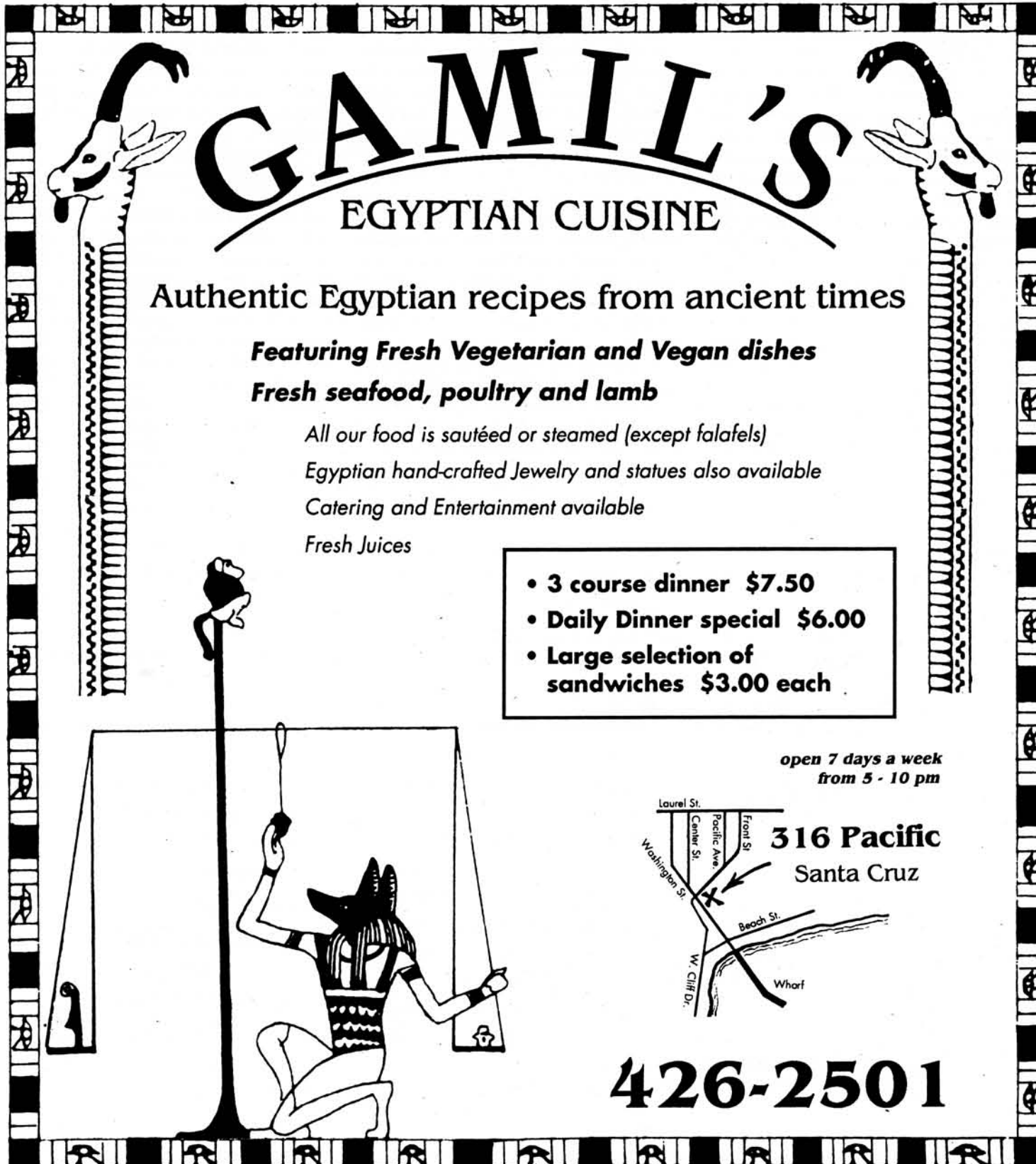
(who became Reagan's first National Security Adviser), George Bush, and Stefan Halper were all allegedly involved in the plan, which involved super-secret meetings in Paris in October 1980.

Halper also emerged as a key figure in the so-called "Debategate" scandal. A House subcommittee concluded that James Baker, who was in charge of the Reagan debate group, obtained then-President Jimmy Carter's briefing materials for the upcoming debates with Ronald Reagan from William Casey, who was then the Reagan-Bush campaign director. Someone within the Carter White House pilfered Carter's debate briefing notes and passed them on to the Reagan-Bush team. Halper allegedly played a role in both the "October Surprise" and "Debategate," and was rewarded after the election with the appointment of Deputy Director of Politico-Military Affairs for the State Department. William Casey went on to become CIA director; James Baker became Reagan's chief of staff, then Treasury Secretary, and then Bush's Secretary of State. Baker was instrumental in first bringing Halper into the Reagan-Bush campaign.

Meanwhile, charges of conflict of interest against Neil Bush, the President's son, will be taken up at a September hearing by federal regulators. The younger Bush served on the board of directors of Silverado Banking, Savings and Loan Association of Denver, Colorado, which collapsed in December 1988 at an estimated cost to taxpayers of \$1.3 billion. The charges accuse Bush of voting to loan over \$100 million to business associates who subsequently defaulted, and failing to properly disclose the extent of his business dealings with the borrowers. Federal regulators may file a \$200 million lawsuit against Neil Bush and other Silverado directors and officers. The Office of Thrift Supervision released documents stating that the 34-year-old Bush was "unqualified and untrained" to be a director of Silverado. "He had no experience managing a large corporation, especially a financial institution with almost \$2 billion in assets," the OTS documents said.

With the president's son involved in the failure of one of the larger S&Ls, the crisis has received more attention in Washington and in the media. So far both Democrats and Republicans have pointed the finger at each other. Democratic National Committee Chair Ron Brown said that Republicans cannot escape the fact that "George Bush, Ronald Reagan and their high-roller friends ran the government, designed the S&L policy and handpicked the people that gutted the oversight agencies. They are now being forced to take responsibility for the greatest rip-off in American history." It will be difficult for the Republicans to skirt this issue in the upcoming mid-term elections and therefore the savings and loan crisis may have immediate political effects. Time will tell whether or not the American taxpayer will be able to bear the burden of yet another expensive scandal.

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France Continues Nuclear Testing In Its South Pacific Colony

by Charles Scheiner

Two hundred years after bringing the world *liberte, egalite, et frater-nite*, France again stands alone among nations — this time leading the way back into the 19th century. For the past six years, France has reaffirmed the colonial era by exploding eight nuclear bombs annually in their South Pacific colony of "French" Polynesia.

As the Cold War grinds to a halt, the superpowers are under increasing pressure to stop developing new nuclear weapons. The always dubious rationale for nuclear blackmail is vanishing, and people everywhere demand an end to all nuclear testing. In Nevada and Semipalatinsk, growing grassroots movements demand that governments stop using their homes as experiments in Armageddon.

On the underside of the globe, however, business continues as usual. France, which considers itself unique as a "mid-size world power," still tests warheads under the Polynesian atolls of Moruroa and Fangataufa, 500 miles southeast of Tahiti. Overcoming a quarter-century of radioactive contamination and popular resistance, the Gallic quest for an independent nuclear deterrent, a *force de frappe* continues. — a point reaffirmed by France's President Francois Mitterand last May during a visit to Tahiti.

At the beginning of the atomic age, the vast Pacific seemed a natural place for budding superpowers to play with atomic and hydrogen bombs. Far from white people, such places as Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the Marshall Islands, Maralinga in aboriginal Australia, and Christmas and Johnston Islands seemed god-given for American and British experiments in explosives and radiation exposure. The French, blessed with a nearby (but not *too* close) colony in Algeria, also tested away from their homeland, and the Soviet Union, governed by ethnic Russians and Europeans, tested in the Asian and Arctic reaches of its territory.

The heady era of colonial empires of

fallout lasted for 17 years of unrestricted atmospheric testing. Eventually, however, strontium-90 encircled the globe and a public outcry forced the superpowers to go underground in 1963. Five years before, Britain and the United States had stopped vaporizing Pacific islands, preferring to use Native American lands in Nevada. (The

140,000 people were inundated by 18,000 French troops, who proceeded to build the Centre d'Experimentation du Pacifique on Moruroa and Fangataufa Atolls.

On July 2, 1966, the first A-bomb was detonated on a raft in Moruroa lagoon. The water, replete with fish and clams, became a mushroom cloud, raining down on nearby

and five hydrogen bombs in the atmosphere over Polynesia over the next eight years. Finally, more than a decade after the U.S., Britain, and the U.S.S.R. had halted atmospheric testing, worldwide public pressure forced France to go underground. Although several "suitable" underground test sites existed in France and Corsica, the Fifth Republic decided to use Moruroa and Fangataufa as its underground sites. It is hard to imagine geology less suited for nuclear testing than coral atolls atop porous volcanic seamounts.

Since 1974, France has exploded more than 115 nuclear bombs under the two lagoons, riddling them with cracks and holes. Frequent releases of radiation into the surrounding Pacific Ocean, source of human food and key to the local ecosystem, have caused outbreaks of cancer, leukemia, and other illness. Although French authorities have prevented independent experts from carrying out health studies, many believe that a recent and widespread outbreak of ciguatera (fish toxicity) also comes from the testing.

The 1985 sinking of Greenpeace's *Rainbow Warrior* (carried out to prevent the boat from disrupting French testing) is the most widely known example of France's contempt for public opinion, but its subversion of Polynesian rights dates to before 1945. Of all European Pacific colonial powers, only France and the U.S. have not allowed their colonies to become independent. In "French" Polynesia and Kanaky (New Caledonia), French settlers and the Parisian government use military force to maintain control.

In 1975, the South Pacific-wide group ATOM (Against Testing On Moruroa) called a conference in Fiji which gave birth to the international Nuclear-Free and Independent Pacific movement. In the 15 years since, it has realized many of its original goals: most island countries have attained independence; seven nations have banned nuclear weapons from their territory and



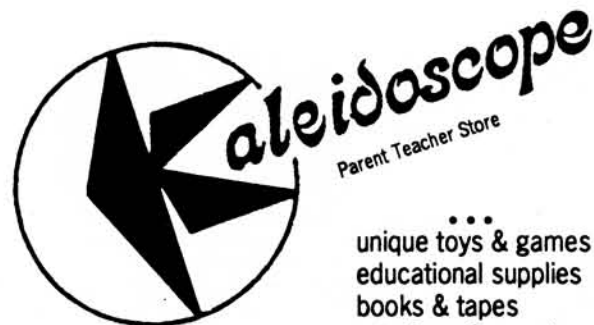
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U.S. conducts nuclear tests for Britain at the Nevada Test Site.) France, however, refuses to this day to ratify the 1963 Partial Test Ban Treaty

After the French were ousted by the 1962 Algerian revolution, President Charles DeGaulle seized upon Polynesia, reneging on a promise of independence for Polynesians' loyal support of his Free French forces during World War II. Tahiti's

islands. Two weeks later, a dud A-bomb spilled plutonium over the reef, and on September 11, during a state visit, President DeGaulle insisted that a bomb be detonated despite unfavorable wind conditions. The test spread radioactive fallout across populated areas, with high concentrations measured in Fiji, Western Samoa, Tonga, and elsewhere.

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seaports (Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands, Papua, New Guinea, Belau, New Zealand and the Federated States of Micronesia); and the Rarotonga South Pacific (partial) Nuclear-Free Zone Treaty has been signed by virtually the entire region, as well as by the U.S.S.R. and China.

There remain three major regional villains: Indonesia (for its genocidal wars of annexation in East Timor and West Papua), the United States (for continued deployment of nuclear warships and weapons, and for ongoing colonialism and neo-colonialism), and France. Together with the U.S. and Britain, France refuses to sign the partial nuclear-free zone treaty, but France alone overtly violates the treaty by continuing to detonate nuclear weapons in the region. France also refuses to sign the atmospheric test ban and the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

In 1988 "French" Polynesia elected a progressive, if impotent, territorial government. Jacqui Drollet, the Tahitian Minister of Health, Environment, and Scientific Research, has called for an end to the tests and demanded access to health data, saying "The time has come for us to speak our minds and not keep quiet for the money of those who send the bombs...to bring our voice to the world that there are people in French Polynesia who don't accept the tests." He suggested renaming the atoll "Moruroa-shima."

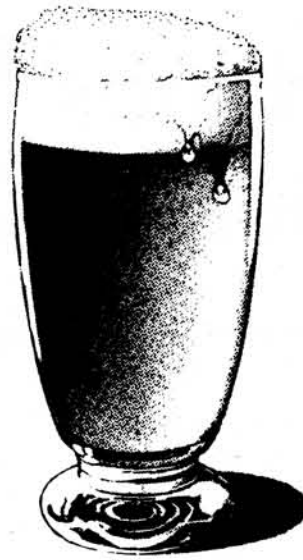
In July 1989 in Tahiti, and March 1990 in Paris, members of the Polynesian Liberation Front staged hunger strikes against nuclear testing, finally succeeding in get-

ting French peace groups to join in the nearly-universal worldwide condemnation. Nevertheless, France's Socialist government remains unrepentant, with Defense Minister Chevenement telling Tahitians last October that nuclear weapons are an "essential pillar" of French national defense.

Recent geo-political changes hold out a prospect of global peace. In Polynesia, however, they bring an element of uncertainty. Will European economic union allow all Europeans, not just French, to immigrate to these beautiful islands? Will they become a nuclear and toxic waste dump site for the entire European continent? Will France extend its testing to other atolls as Moruroa becomes too perforated to use? Will Polynesia become the world's last nuclear test site, as it has become one of the last colonies?

France continues to insist on its illusory vision of itself as a world power, with a string of military bases circling the globe from Djibouti, across the Indian and Pacific oceans, through the Caribbean and West Africa. As they celebrate their 201st year of revolution, the French should consider extending the *droits de l'homme* to their overseas subjects.

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DOE Report Finds Nevada Test Site An Environmental Disaster

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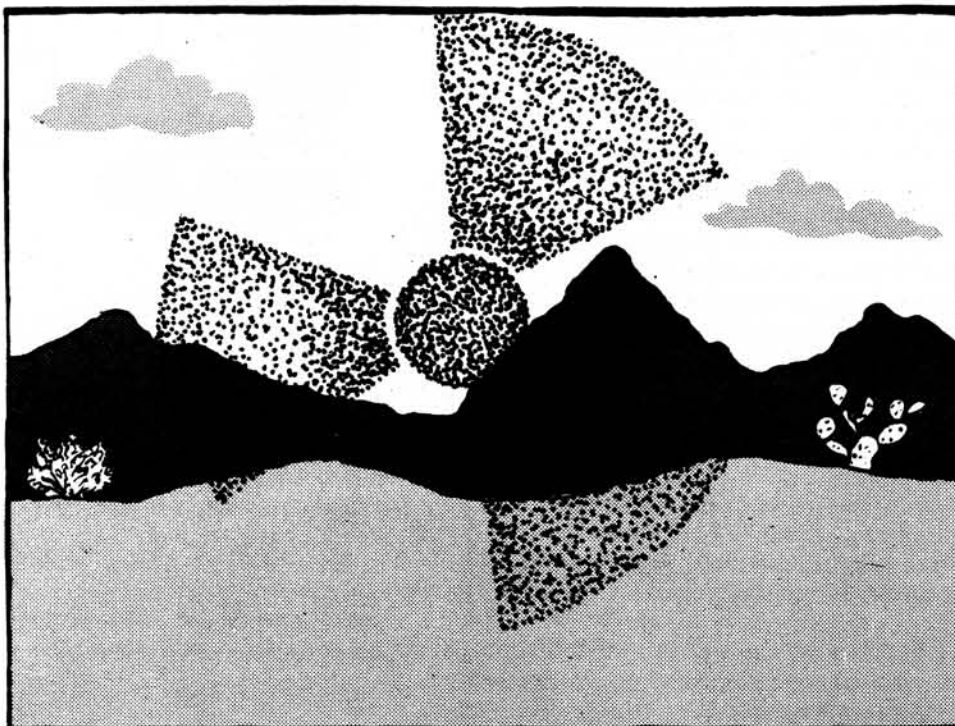
The Nevada Test Site is an environmental disaster area. Open dumping of irradiated muck from test tunnels, improper testing of irradiated water supplies, and the disposal of transuranic and mixed radioactive and chemical wastes contrary to regulations are all commonplace.

These are among the findings of a draft report on conditions at the Nevada Test Site prepared by the Department of Energy (DOE) "Tiger Team." The Tiger Team is an environmental hazard monitoring group formed by Energy Secretary James Watkins after the June 1989 FBI raid on the Rocky Flats plutonium processing plant in Colorado. Watkins wanted to avoid additional investigations of environmental law-breaking at DOE weapons facilities, so he created the Tiger Team to internally uncover problems at the test site.

Citizen Alert, a Nevada-based environmental organization, obtained a copy of the report from a concerned DOE employee before it was publicly released on July 25. The summary of the report released to the commercial media makes the Nevada Test Site look like a reasonably safe program with minor problems. The main problem at the test site identified in the summary conclusion is with program oversight.

However, the body of the report tells a different story, describing a litany of environmental problems which will require an estimated \$220 million to clean up:

- Hazardous conditions at the test site include radionuclides in potable water, improper disposal of transuranic waste in the Area 5 Radioactive Waste Management Site, improper disposal of radioactive waste in Area 12, and improper storage of hazardous and radioactive wastes.



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- The DOE did not properly test radioactive water samples in Areas 3, 6, 23, and 27 in 1987 and 1988. Only after the state conducted its own sampling and analysis in March 1988 did the DOE conduct the radium analysis required by law.

- The DOE planned to run tests for radium-226 beginning in January, but these tests have not been approved by either the state or the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

- The Nevada Test Site failed to notify workers when drinking water in Areas 6, 23, and 25 exceeded the environmental standards for such items as total dissolved sol-

ids, pH, and nitrates in 1988.

The summary of waste management practices includes "compliance findings" (bureaucratese for a failure to comply with regulations) such as incomplete waste characterization, unpermitted facilities, improper waste storage, inadequate monitoring, inadequate documentation, and the lack of a comprehensive solid waste management plan, among others.

According to the Tiger Team report, in the Area 5 Radioactive Waste Management Site, transuranic waste was improperly disposed of in trenches reserved for low-level nuclear waste, and has not yet been re-

moved. The disposal was blamed on sloppy paperwork — the forms which described the waste as transuranic were not reviewed before the waste was disposed. Now that the waste is buried, the DOE seems content to leave it where it is. The final destination of the waste is currently uncertain, as the Waste Isolation Pilot Project site in New Mexico has yet to open, and the DOE appears to consider the interim disposal site, however inappropriate, better than no disposal at all.

In a maneuver that defies common sense, the DOE is currently cleaning up radioactive wastes in one part of the test site while dumping radioactive dirt with higher levels in another. Dirt in Area 5 with a radioactive limit of 0.05 mr/hr (millirems/hour) from atmospheric tests in the 1950s and '60s is being cleaned up. Meanwhile, workers are dumping tunnel muck from tests in Rainier Mesa with a limit of 0.4 mr/hr, up to 8 times as radioactive, into the open desert in Area 12.

In a finding verified by the DOE's own promotional videotape about the site, the Tiger Team reported that workers are regularly exposed to the possibility of airborne contamination through drillback operations. Drillback involves taking a sample of highly radioactive materials from the molten core of a completed nuclear test. These materials are transferred from the drill to a box in the open air. The test site videotape shows the workers involved in such a transfer with no protective mask.

The Tiger Team report fails the public as much as the DOE has. While its individual findings are significant, its public summary is unjustifiably benign. The Tigers who roamed the test site turned into pussycats for the media. The explanation for the Tiger Team's retracted claws may well lie in the makeup of the group — employees of private companies holding DOE contracts at the test site.

In December 1989, Nevada Governor Bob Miller expressed his outrage over a leak during the Barnwell nuclear weapons test, complaining that the incident went unreported for several hours. There are more serious problems at the test site, however, than delayed phone calls to Carson City. Indeed, the Tiger Team draft report demonstrates that the Barnwell leak was not a surprising accident, but rather the logical outcome of the shoddy oversight that passes for standard operating procedure by the DOE.

The Department of Energy wants the public to believe that the world's first geologic dump for high-level nuclear waste, which it proposes to build at Yucca Mountain, will be safe. Yet the Tiger Team report demonstrates that the DOE cannot be trusted to safely handle radioactive materials.

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Government Confusion Stalls Next Round of Base Closings

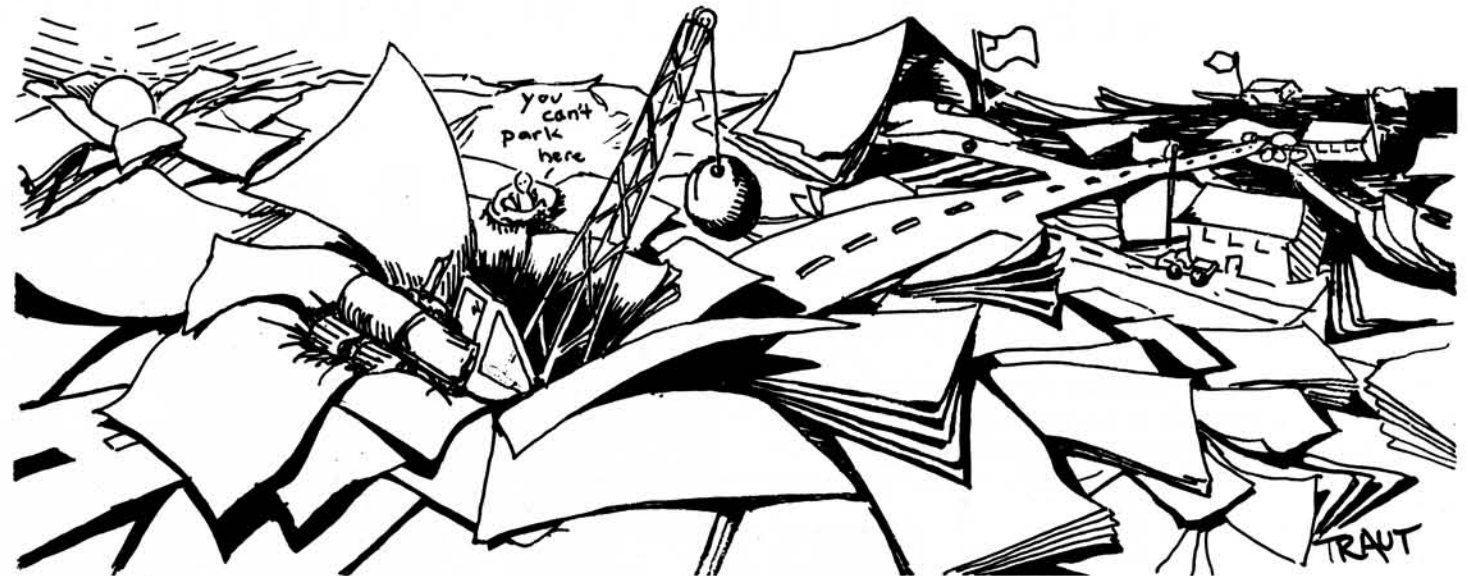
by Jim Wake

Just about everyone agrees that military bases ought to be closed. The diminished threat to U.S. security as international tensions fade permits it, and the mounting federal budget crisis demands it. But, as often happens in Washington, hardly anyone agrees on how to implement an efficient, logical, and truly cost-effective program of base closures. The result is one of those typical Capitol Hill impasses, with a few extra difficulties arising from existing legislative roadblocks, uncertainties over future needs, and the usual political maneuvers among legislators protective of their respective constituencies.

The Department of Defense is already in the process of closing down 86 military installations as a result of the 1988 Base Closure and Realignment Act. This act set up a commission to select bases for closing and helped reduce the role of pork barrel politics in the base-closing selection process. The law also permitted the closures to move ahead before completing the environmental impact reports previously mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act.

But in purely budgetary terms, the recommendations of the commission, released on December 29, 1988, will have only a minor impact. It is true that in about a dozen cases the facilities recommended for closure were major bases, involving thousands of jobs on the base, and millions of dollars in the surrounding communities. However, 52 other "installations" recommended for closure were stand-alone housing units, and many of the others were extremely small posts where the economic impacts of closure would be minimal in the surrounding communities. In all, the total estimated savings from the commission's proposals will amount to less than \$700 million per year.

What the commission, the secretary of defense, and Congress did not know in December 1988 was that the world would change so radically in such a short time. The base closing commission's selections



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— subsequently dubbed the "Round One" selections — took place in a different era, when the Berlin Wall was still standing as a symbol of the Cold War and superpower rivalry, Ronald Reagan was preparing to leave office, and perestroika was still viewed with considerable skepticism in Washington and all around the nation. But despite all the monumental changes that have taken place in the ensuing 18 months, there have been few meaningful moves to close any additional military facilities.

For example, in January, Secretary Dick Cheney released a list of 57 "candidate" bases under consideration for closure, including 35 domestic bases, deeply upsetting public officials and citizens in communities attached to those facilities (as well as others fearful that they could be next). However, the so-called "Round Two" list was not accompanied by the requisite environmental impact reports (although the process of producing those reports is now underway); nor were Cheney's recommendations submitted to Congress as part of the Defense Authorization Act, as required

under current legislation governing base closings.

In other words, the Round Two list was more of a signal of potential actions than a real move to cut costs or reduce forces. Some skeptics speculate that Cheney may have tipped his hand on the base closings precisely so that he would arouse the indignation of local officials around the country concerned about the effects that base closings would have on their communities. Such a move, the skeptics suggest, gives Cheney bargaining power with congressional representatives of affected communities when the debate begins over some of the higher priced weapon systems, including the B-2 bomber and the rail-based MX missile system, that are certain to come under attack as Congress attempts to make significant cuts in the Defense Department's budget. In any case, no moves to close the "candidate" bases can take place before 1991, when and if the defense secretary formally proposes any base closures as part of the Defense Authorization Bill, unless special legislation is passed doing away with

the cumbersome procedures now required to close a base.

Cheney himself has stated that he "will seek freedom from some of the detailed technical procedures required by the National Environmental Policy Act, which have been used in the past to stop base closings." But to date, no proposal to change the existing base-closing legislation has come from the administration.

On the other hand, on January 30 — the day after the Cheney announced his base closing proposals — House Armed Services Committee Chair Les Aspin introduced a new base-closing bill proposing the establishment of another commission. The bill (H.R. 4310, as revised in March) is now in committee, but neither staffers nor well-informed observers give the bill much chance of passage this year. "I don't think the commission approach will work twice," says Brian Gunderson, an aide on the staff of Rep. Dick Arme, a Texas Republican credited with pushing the 1988 commission proposal through the legislative hoops. "It's a Gramm-Rudman approach to base clos-

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ings," he adds, citing that most notorious example of unpopular and inflexible legislation.

Cheney is also on record as opposing a commission, which he considers "unnecessary," and feels interferes with his own authority to set and implement policies efficiently.

With the commission proposal likely to languish in legislative limbo, Armed Services Committee members appear content to wait for the completion of Secretary Cheney's comprehensive five-year strategic plan, initiated in the wake of the momentous political developments in Eastern Europe last year. Cheney has already informally floated proposals for a 20 to 25 percent cutback in forces, and it is a virtual certainty that proposals for steep reductions in forces, systems, and spending will be accompanied by the closure or "realignment" (shifts in functions and personnel) of dozens of bases and military installations around the U.S., as well as additional overseas facilities. But no one knows when the review of that plan will be completed, so meaningful initiatives on base closings are unlikely for the remainder of this legislative session.

In fact, it is possible that the only piece of legislation governing base closings to come out of this Congress will be a bill calling for a one-year moratorium on base closings until the five-year strategic review is completed. The rationale for such a bill is to prevent the closing of bases without regard to significant changes in the force structure of the military, and to forestall a

repetition of the kind of small-scale panic that occurred following last January's announcement of "candidate" bases for closure.

So where does all of this political maneuvering leave the base closing issue? In the one state not represented in Congress: the state of confusion. Ironically enough, the Congress and the administration are, for once, together in support of the principle of closing unnecessary bases, and yet, very little is taking place to turn that commitment into action. In conversations with staff members on the House Armed Services Committee, several members of Congress, staff at the Office of Economic Adjustment, and representatives of Secretary of Defense Cheney, no clear picture of a coherent base closing scenario emerged. And until the administration completes its strategic review, the confusion is likely to remain.

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The Schroeder List

Just when the dust was beginning to settle after Secretary of Defense Cheney announced his "Round Two" selections for base closings, Congressman Pat Schroeder, who serves on the House Armed Services Committee, leaked to the press a list of Navy facilities which included many bases not on Cheney's January 29 list of "candidates," and which also recommended that certain facilities appearing on the Secretary's list remain open.

Sources in the Pentagon indicate that this list is simply a "working list" compiled from preliminary recommendations of Naval officers responsible for the Navy's strategic review, and that detailed analysis of the financial and strategic implications of these recommendations must follow before final recommendations are made to the Secretary of Defense.

But a Pentagon source is highly skeptical that the closings can proceed at two of the facilities appearing on Cheney's list of candidates for closing. The functions of the El Centro Naval Air Field in Southern California cannot be duplicated elsewhere, and unless the Navy drastically reduces the number of carrier groups in its fleet, the Alameda Naval Air Station in Alameda, California will also remain open. "There just aren't enough parking places without Alameda," our source observes.

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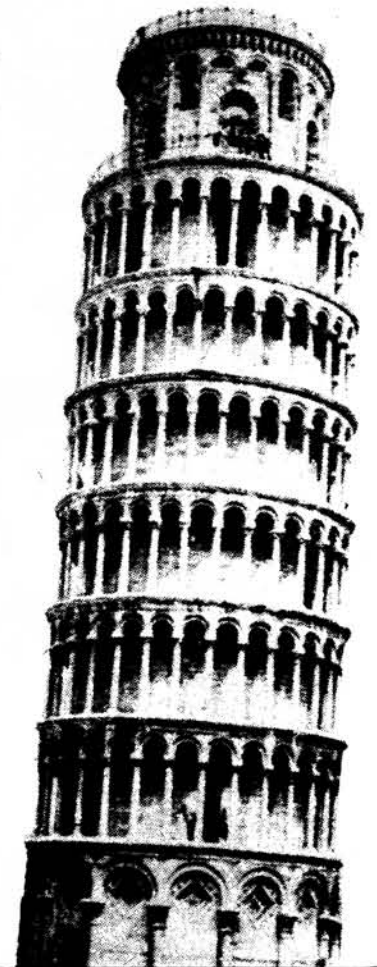
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review by Jack Cohen-Joppa

This is a book that should not be overlooked, despite its obscure title.

Mark Gaffney begins his detailed study of Israel's nuclear weapons program with a gripping account of the life of Mordechai Vanunu. In 1986, after a crisis of conscience that brought him to quit his job as a nuclear technician, Vanunu revealed the extent of Israel's nuclear program to the *Sunday Times* of London. As a result, he was lured from London and kidnapped in Rome by Israeli secret police, smuggled back to Israel, tried in secrecy, and convicted of treason and espionage. Vanunu is now serving an 18-year prison sentence.

In his introduction, Gaffney explains the meaning of the title's question. Vanunu worked at Dimona, Israel's secret nuclear facility buried in the Negev Desert. Historically, the first two Temples were ancient edifices to monotheism, raised in

Jerusalem and marking the political consolidation of the Jewish people in Israel. Given the circumstances of Israel's nuclear program — officially denied and hidden from the view of international regulatory bodies and the Israeli public, yet integral to the defense of the state — Gaffney suggests that maybe "the third temple" has already arisen. This temple was built at Dimona; this time in obeisance to the one God of nuclearism, protector of the modern state of Israel.

"That such a proposition is shocking — particularly in light of the spiritual richness of Judaism — I am only too aware," writes Gaffney. "But it becomes inescapable once the facts are known. Hence the motivation for this book is to evoke the fundamental moral question which spiritually aware Israelis and Diaspora Jews must now put to their political leaders and rabbis in no uncertain terms; namely, by what authority does democratic Israel deny its own citizens access to the facts regarding the government's expanding nuclear program?"

Gaffney marshals his facts well. Copious footnotes and three appendices attest to the author's research efforts, yet he acknowledges that "large gaps in the record still remain." Most gaps are the result of many nations' official silence on the subject, so the author concedes that some of his conclusions should be regarded as informed speculation.

After vividly narrating the tale of Vanunu's life growing up as the son of Sephardic immigrants from Morocco, Gaffney moves quickly, drawing on a number of earlier writers to explore the historical context which gave rise to the Israeli nuclear program, and to survey the evidence of its progress through the 1970s and '80s. Gaffney also discusses Israeli domestic politics, which are complicated by the tension between an ostensibly democratic political system, and a hidden nuclear military agenda.

The author goes on to look at Israeli nuclear strategies and the use of nuclear threats, principally against the United States, as a lever to extract massive conventional arms assistance over the last two decades.

Particularly disturbing is the discussion of Israeli research into neutron bombs, or low-yield, "clean" nuclear weapons which destroy people, while leaving comparatively little residual radiation or property destruction. The strategic implications of these

weapons in local conditions such as the Middle East have rarely been discussed in print. Iraq's recent threat to use chemical weapons against Israel, and Israel's diplomatically veiled counterthreat, make Gaffney's speculations on this point timely and deserving of attention.

Israel, of course, is not the only nuclear power coming in for condemnation in this book. The United States is shown to provide a role model for using nuclear weapons as leverage in global politics, and is taken to task for failing to uphold its responsibility to prevent nuclear proliferation.

The critical nature of this study perhaps accounts for Gaffney's difficulty in finding a publisher, and for the fact that after almost a year in print, very few periodicals have reviewed the book.

Missing from the book is an index, which would make its detailed presentation easier to reference at a later date.

Mordechai Vanunu's appeal was argued before the Israeli Supreme Court in May 1989. As of early April 1990, no decision on this appeal has been announced.

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PEACE AND JUSTICE CALENDAR

All events listed are in Santa Cruz, unless otherwise noted.

Calendar items must be typed or legibly written and sent (along with any photos) to *The Monthly Planet*, 320-G Cedar St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. We do not take calendar items over the phone.

We must receive your listing no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, August 21 for inclusion in the September issue (publication date: Thursday, August 30).

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

Shohel Imamura's film, "Black Rain" presented by Sash Mill Cinema. Fictional account of a Hiroshima survivor in post World War II Japan, recently won acclaim at the Cannes and New York Film Festivals. Join the Nuclear Weapons Freeze to commemorate Hiroshima Day. Proceeds will benefit the Nuclear Weapons Freeze of Santa Cruz County. Sash Mill Cinema, 303 Portrero Street. 7 and 9:15 p.m., tickets are sliding scale, \$6 - \$10. Info: 427-1711 or 458-9975.

Santa Cruz Mime Troupe's new show "RATS," a dream play for the 90's. Presented by the Santa Cruz Action Network. Join the Mime Troupe in an 'Alice-in-Wonderland' tour through the world of junk bonds, environmental crisis, the National Endowment of the Arts funding controversy and the 1990 California gubernatorial race. 8 p.m., Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, \$7.50 advance at Civic Box Office, Cymbaline Records in Santa Cruz and Capitola, and the SCAN Office, 108 Locust Street, Room 13 (2nd floor of the ID building on the mall).

Documentary "MOVE" shown by filmmaker and installation artist Pat Ward Williams. She will also talk about race relations in the United States and the public's unwillingness to face the growing interracial tension. Question and answer session to follow talk. No host refreshments available. Co-sponsored by UCSC's Division of The Arts and The Art Museum of Santa Cruz County. This is the third in a series of summer lectures. Kuumbwa Jazz Center, 320 Cedar Street. Doors open 7:30 p.m., talk starts at 8 p.m. Admission for Art Museum members and students \$4, general \$5. Call the Art Museum for reservations. Remaining tickets will be sold at the door. Info: 429-1964.

Open Gatherings. Small group discussions sponsored by the Corporation for Shared Responsibility, a non-profit educational organization. Cafe Pergolesi, 418 Cedar Street, 7 p.m. Cafe Cameleon, 418 Front Street, 9 p.m. Info: (415) 322-4303.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

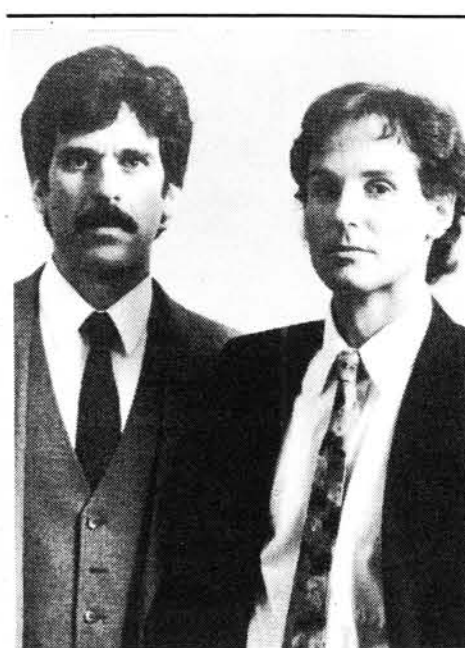
"Celebration of Conscience," national conference to mark 50 years in the history of conscientious objection, and to celebrate the continuing witness against war. Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. Info: (202) 483-4514.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

Homeless Alliance Meeting. 2-4 p.m., basement of 509 Broadway.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

Morning Coastal Ceremony. Gathering to renew our commitment to preserve and protect the Earth, and to enjoy community spirit. 8 a.m., Lighthouse Field. Ongoing event on



Martin Lee and Norman Solomon, co-authors of "Unreliable Sources: A Guide to Detecting Bias in News Media," will speak at the Loudon Nelson Center on Wednesday, August 8.

the first Sunday of every month. Info: 425-8921.

"Sustainable Development, Part One," a Consider the Alternatives radio program on KAZU (90.3 FM). With environmental distress calls coming in from everywhere, and a global population expanding from five billion, many world leaders see the challenge of the 1990s as "Sustainable Development." This program is the first of two that examines the issues involved, through coverage of a major U. S. conference. The Globescope Pacific Assembly brought together U.N. leaders and representatives from many sectors of U.S. society to draft a citizens' response. 9 - 9:30 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5 - MONDAY, AUGUST 6

Vigil and witness for peace and Nuclear Disarmament. At the main gate to Vandenberg Air Force Base, Santa Barbara County. Begins Sunday at 11 a.m. Info: 427-2399.

MONDAY, AUGUST 6

Progressive Animal Rights Alliance meeting. 7:00 p.m., Loudon Nelson Center. Info: 438-PARA.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8

Lecture with media analysts Martin Lee and Norman Solomon, co-authors of "Unreliable Sources: A Guide To Detecting Bias

in News Media." Presented by The Christic Action Team of Santa Cruz. 8 p.m., Loudon Nelson Community Center, 301 Center Street, \$4 to \$12 donation requested at the door. Info: 426-3254.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

Open Gatherings. Small group discussions sponsored by the Corporation for Shared Responsibility, a non-profit educational organization. Cafe Pergolesi, 418 Cedar Street, 7 p.m. Cafe Cameleon, 418 Front Street, 9 p.m. Info: (415) 322-4303.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

Mary McCaslin with Michael Lauren and Hawk in a benefit concert for Dragon Slayers (Therapeutic Horsemanship for the Physically Handicapped). 8 p.m., Pacific Cultural Center, \$8 in advance at Blue Rhythm Records, \$10 at the door. Info: 459-9471.

Homeless Alliance Meeting. 2-4 p.m., basement of 509 Broadway.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

Bystander CPR - shortened version of the regular Basic Life Support course. Taught by Santa Cruz Firepersons. Co-sponsored by Health Development Foundation of Community Hospital. Free. 303 Walnut Avenue, 9 a.m. to noon. Pre-registration required. Info: 426-3062.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

Cannabis Conversations, a local group dedicated to encouraging informed dialogue about hemp, presents a talk by Jack Herer, author of "The Emperor Wears No Clothes." Talk on the history of the cannabis plant, marijuana prohibition and various uses. Pacific Cultural Center, corner of Seabright and Broadway, 5 - 7 p.m (followed by book signing). \$3 - \$10 sliding scale at door. Info: 462-9288.

"Sustainable Development, Part Two," a Consider the Alternatives radio program on KAZU (90.3 FM). 9 - 9:30 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

The Santa Cruz Action Network will hold a candidate forum for Santa Cruz City Council candidates. Loudon Nelson Community Center, 301 Center Street, 7:30 p.m. Info: 458-9425.

Regular meeting of the Coalition for Nicaragua. Meetings held on the second Monday of every month are educational and include both historical information and current events and action. Free and open to the public. 7 - 9 p.m., Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center Street. Info: 458-0303.

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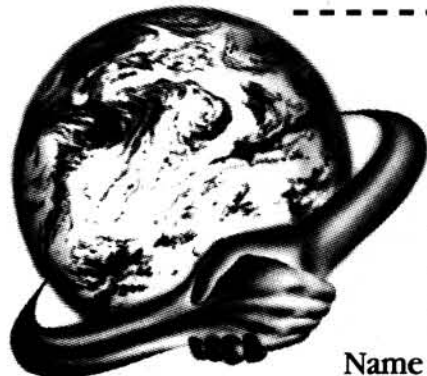
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

Panel: "Would The Poet-As-Critic Rescue The Genre?" Part of a lecture series exploring and discussing the issues facing the Arts in the 90's. This series is presented by The Art Museum of Santa Cruz County and is co-sponsored by Division of The Arts, UCSC. Kuumbwa Jazz Center, 320-2 Cedar Street. Door opens 7:30 p.m., panel at 8 p.m. No host refreshments. Tickets \$4 Art Museum members and students, \$5 general. Info: 429-1964.



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FRIDAY, AUGUST 17
Homeless Alliance Meeting. 2-4 p.m., basement of 509 Broadway.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19
Global Youth Exchange Bids For Kids "Celebrity" Item Auction. Items to be auctioned include an autographed baseball by Ricky Henderson of the Oakland A's, a signed photo of Graham Nash, and a Car-

ibbean Cruise. 12 - 4 p.m., Aptos Seascapes Golf Course, 610 Clubhouse Drive. A champagne luncheon buffet will precede the auction, and is included in the \$20 donation. Tickets available at Bookshop Santa Cruz. Info: 426-2203.

"Homelessness: Still With Us After All These Years," Part one of three "Cracks In The Foundation," a Consider the Alternatives radio program on KAZU (90.3 FM). 9 - 9:30 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

MONDAY, AUGUST 20
Progressive Animal Rights Alliance meeting. 7:00 p.m., Loudon Nelson Center. Info: 438-PARA.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23
Open Gatherings. Small group discussions sponsored by the Corporation for Shared Responsibility, a non-profit educational organization. Cafe Pergolesi, 418 Cedar Street, 7 p.m. Cafe Cameleon, 418 Front Street, 9 p.m. Info: (415) 322-4303.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24
Homeless Alliance Meeting. 2-4 p.m., basement of 509 Broadway.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25 -
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
Delegation to Israel and the West Bank and Gaza organized by Deena Hurwitz and Scott Kennedy of the Resource Center for Nonviolence. Co-sponsored by the Resource Center and Mid East Witness. Info: 426-6640.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26
"Homelessness: Still With Us After All These Years," Part Two of Three "The Battle For Downtown," a Consider the Alternatives radio program on KAZU (90.3 FM). 9 - 9:30 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

MONDAY, AUGUST 27
Regular meeting of the Coalition for Nicaragua. Meetings held on the second Monday of every month are educational and include both historical information and current events and action. Free and open to the public. 7 - 9 p.m., Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center Street. Info: 458-0303.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30
Lecture "Guerilla Girls West — asking Where are the Women?" A serious investigation into the out-of-proportion percentage of male artists showing in museums and art galleries versus the low percentage of women artists shown. Part of a lecture series exploring and discussing the issues facing the Arts in the 90's. This series is presented by The Art Museum of Santa Cruz

County and is co-sponsored by Division of The Arts, UCSC. Kuumbwa Jazz Center, 320-2 Cedar Street. Door opens 7:30 p.m., program at 8 p.m. No host refreshments. Tickets \$4 Art Museum members and students, \$5 general. Info: 429-1964.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 31
Homeless Alliance Meeting. 2-4 p.m., basement of 509 Broadway.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
Morning Coastal Ceremony. Gathering to renew our commitment to preserve and protect the Earth, and to enjoy community spirit. 8 a.m., Lighthouse Field. Ongoing event on the first Sunday of every month. Info: 425-8921.

"Homelessness: Still With Us After All These Years," Part three of three "Empowerment: A Strategy For Rebuilding," a Consider the Alternatives radio program on KAZU (90.3 FM). 9 - 9:30 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
Homeless Alliance Meeting. 2-4 p.m., basement of 509 Broadway.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 -
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
3rd Annual Sierra Nevada Music and Crafts Festival. The entire festival is solar-powered. Sponsored by Planetary Endeavor

Advocating Commitment through Education (P.E.A.C.E.), a non-profit group based in Nevada City, California. Nevada County Fairgrounds, Grass Valley. Saturday hours 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sunday hours 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Admission for both days \$10 advance, \$12 at the gate. Admission for one day only \$5 advance, \$6 at the gate. Camping at the fairgrounds \$15 per car. Info: (916) 265-0824.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
"Jim Hightower on Environmental Politics," a Consider the Alternatives radio program on KAZU (90.3 FM). Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower speaks about environmental politics and economics. 9 - 9:30 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
Regular meeting of the Coalition for Nicaragua. Meetings held on the second Monday of every month are educational and include both historical information and current events and action. Free and open to the public. 7 - 9 p.m., Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center Street. Info: 458-0303.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
"Walk For AIDS" 10 kilometer (6.2 mile) pledge walk to benefit AIDS service agencies in Alameda, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties. Starting at Stanford University's Frost Amphitheater, the proposed course winds through Palo Alto and ends back at Stanford. The all-day event begins at 8:30 a.m., and features opening and closing ceremonies, traveling entertainment along the course, and a concert and picnic in the afternoon. To sign up and for info: 1-800-439-WALK. (24-hour walkline).



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